

Maryland for the said County, and acknowledges  
 the same to be her act and deed for the purposes  
 within mentioned, and the negro woman and child  
 within named to be henceforth manumitted and  
 discharged from all services to her or to any claiming  
 under her and to be free and manumitted according  
 to the act of assembly in such cases made and  
 provided.

Acknowledged before John Johns.

2<sup>3/4</sup> Recorded the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1816.

To all whom it may concern Be it known  
 that I Elizabeth Hood of Anne Arundel County in the  
 State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations  
 and the ends moving as also in further consideration  
 of three hundred & fifty dollars current money to  
 me and have paid here released from slavery liberate  
 manumitted and set free and by these presents do  
 hereby release from slavery liberate manumitted and  
 set free my negro man named Vachel, whose  
 said Elizabeth Hood sold to Benjamin Stensbury  
 for the term of twelve years from the sixteenth day  
 of September Eighteen hundred and fifteen and  
 Vachel being of the age of eighteen years and able  
 to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and  
 maintenance and him the said negro man named  
 Vachel I do declare to be henceforth free manumitted  
 and discharged from all manner of servitude or  
 service to me my Executors or administrators for  
 ever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand & affixed my seal this twenty fifth day  
 of September Eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Elizabeth Hood  
 Sign'd,